



State of Tennessee

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 34

By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Patricia Jones upon receiving a 2011 Sterling Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable individual is Patricia Jones, who recently received a 2011 Sterling Award; and

WHEREAS, the awards were created by the Jackson Business and Professional Women and *The Jackson Sun* to honor those women in West Tennessee who have achieved a significant level of success; and

WHEREAS, nominees must meet several requirements: they must live or work in West Tennessee, outside of Shelby County; they must be leaders in business or their professions; they must display creativity and innovation and contribute these talents to the growth of their professions; and they must contribute time and energy to community improvement; and

WHEREAS, more than seventy nominations were received, and of those, twenty were chosen as the 20 Most Influential Women of West Tennessee, each of whom received a Sterling Award; and

WHEREAS, a highly-respected member of the Henderson community, Ms. Jones serves with acumen and alacrity as the owner of Jones Lumber Company, Incorporated; and

WHEREAS, Patricia Jones has distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order through her service to numerous noteworthy organizations, including rendering sterling service as President and Vice-President of the Henderson Board; second Vice-President for the Southern Building Material Association; the first female chairperson of the Southern Building Material Association; a Top 100 Leader for the West Tennessee Regional Economic Development Institute; a member of Henderson/Chester County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors; and the Barbecue Festival Chair; and

WHEREAS, the first female party nominee in a Chester County mayoral campaign, this remarkable civic leader has served on the Jackson Board, the Chester County Boy Scout Advisory Board, Regions Bank Henderson Board, the VOE Advisory Board, and the Chester County Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, she has additionally donated her time and many talents to the Exchange Club-Carl Perkins Center for Prevention of Child Abuse, Leadership Chester County, the Chester County Three-Star Strategic Economic Development Committee, the American Cancer Society Board of Directors, and she was a Small Business Owners' Panel Participant on CNN in March of 2009; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, Ms. Jones was named the Henderson/Chester County Chamber of Commerce Volunteer of the Year in 2005, the Henderson Civitans' Citizen of the Year in 2004, and the Southern Building Material Association 2002 Dealer of the Year and was awarded the Judge Howard Bailey Award from the Chester County Exchange Club-Carl Perkins Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse in 2008; and

WHEREAS, epitomizing the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, Patricia Jones takes her place among the many noble citizens who have earned this State the nickname of "The Volunteer State"; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of people like Ms. Jones, who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate Patricia Jones upon receiving a 2011 Sterling Award, thank her for all she has done to make her community and this State a better place, and extend to her our best wishes for every continued success in all her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

ADOPTED: May 4, 2011



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE